

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of :
Tatsuya OKAMURA et al. : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2002_0240A
Filed February 13, 2002 :
A KEY TOP PLATE AND A METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME : THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend
the application as follows:

Kindly amend claim 7 as follows:

7.(Amended) A key top plate in accordance with claim 3, in which said
decorative layer is a print layer printed by way of flexographic printing, offset printing,
gravure printing, printing with a laser printer, printing with an ink jet printer, or printing with
a thermo-transfer printer.

Kindly add new claim 13 as follows:

13.(NEW) A key top plate in accordance with claim 6, in which said decorative
layer is a print layer printed by way of flexographic printing, offset printing, gravure
printing, printing with a laser printer, printing with an ink jet printer, or printing with a
thermo-transfer printer.